

ANNOUNCEMENT



KOLOMNA/RUSSIA

November 14 to 17, 2013



On behalf of the Russian Skating Union the Organizing Committee has the honor and pleasure to invite you to a competition in the

Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2013/14
which will be held
at the Speed Skating Centre of the Moscow Region “Kolomna”
Kolomna, the Russian Federation
on November 14-17, 2013

The competition will be held under the 2012 ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations/Technical Rules for Short Track Speed Skating and ISU Communication No. 1802.

General Regulations

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2012 ISU Regulations and relevant Communications. Participation is open to all ISU Members. This competition is part of the Samsung ISU World Cup Short Track 2013/14.

Distances

Individual 500, 1000, 1500 meters Ladies and Men
Relay 3000 meters Ladies, 5000 meters Men

Program

Wednesday, November 13	08:00*	Official Practice
Thursday, November 14	08:00*	Qualifying session 1500m and 500m Ladies & Men
Friday, November 15	08:00*	Qualifying session 1000m Ladies & Men, 3000m Relay Ladies, 5000m Relay Men
Saturday, November 16	08:00*	Qualifying session 1500m and 500m Ladies & Men
	15:02	World Cup session 1500m and 500m Ladies & Men
Sunday, November 17	09:30*	Qualifying session 1000m Ladies & Men
	15:02	World Cup session 1000m Ladies & Men, 3000m Relay Ladies, 5000m Relay Men

* Starting times to be decided upon receipt of the number of final entries.

Track Conditions

The Speed Skating Centre of the Moscow Region “Kolomna” has an artificially refrigerated indoor ice surface of 60 x 30 meters. Protective padding covers the boards in accordance with Rule 280, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 1726. The standard track will be laid out 111.12 meters to the lap.

Entries

a) Entries can only be made using the ISU Online Entry System for World Cup Short Track Speed Skating on www.isu.org, section Short Track Speed Skating or www.shorttrackonline.info/entry.php?country=isu

b) Entries with the number of Competitors, substitutes, coaches & team leader and requirements of accommodation must be submitted by **Thursday, October 3rd, 2013**.

ISU Members failing to comply in time with these requirements will receive no support from the Organizing Member for:

- Hotel booking;
- Travel arrangements between airport and hotel;
- Travel arrangements between hotel and ice rink;
- Access to Closing Banquet (if held);
- Preferred times for additional training sessions.

All these costs and any additional costs incurred will be for the full account of the ISU Members concerned.

c) Final Entries must reach the Organizing Committee using the Online Entry System not later than **November 9th, 2013** (see ISU Communication No. 1802, paragraph 4), and the following information must be communicated to the Organizing Committee:

- Names of the Competitors and substitutes per category with their International Registration Numbers;
- Names of the Competitors for each of the respective individual distances;
- Confirmation of participation in the Relay.

Final Entries that do not comply with these requirements are considered Post Entries. See Rule 115.

d) Competitors must be present in Kolomna at the latest at 18:00 hours on **Wednesday, November 13th, 2013** or the Organizing Committee must receive documented proof that the competitors are in transit and will arrive in due time for the World Cup Competition. Competitors who do not comply with these requirements will be excluded

e) Please note that for all persons entered by the Members, the procedures regarding the Declaration for Competitors and Officials (all team Officials requiring an accreditation) entering ISU Events (Rule 131) as outlined in ISU Communication No. 1628 need to be strictly observed.

For more details please refer to Rules 115, 131 and ISU Communication Nos. 1628 and 1797 or any update of this Communication.

Citizenships/Residence Requirements and Clearance Procedure

In accordance with Rule 109 of the ISU Regulations and ISU Communication No.1420, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

Seeding Procedure

The make up of the first qualifying round of each distance shall be based on the current distance ranking following the principles of Rule 296, of the 2012 ISU Regulations. Progression to subsequent qualifying rounds shall be according to Rule 295, paragraph 2.

World Cup points

The points scoring at the World Cup Competition is made in accordance with ISU Communication No. 1802, paragraph 10.

Anti-Doping

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Code, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications Nos. 1693, 1694, 1765 & 1800 or later updates).

Ice Training

The Organizing Committee will arrange free ice training on **Wednesday, November 13th, 2013** for all participating teams. Extra practices will be provided from **Tuesday, November 12th, 2013**. Each training session (60 min) will be charged 125 EURO. If two or more teams agree to share one training session, both (all) of them can share the cost.

Liability

In accordance with Rule 119 of the ISU General Regulations, the ISU, the Russian Skating Union and The Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection with the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competition. Each Member is solely responsible for providing insurance coverage thereto.

Accommodation

All participants should bear their own expenses for accommodation.

The cost of a room and meal at the official hotel is as follows:

Single room with breakfast	-	2900 RUR /per night
Single room with full board	-	4650 RUR/per night
Double room with breakfast	-	3600 RUR /per night for 2 persons
Double room with full board	-	7100 RUR /per night for 2 persons

All arrangements for accommodations must be made through the Organizing Committee.

It's preferable to pay for accommodation via bank transfer before the Event or by cash/credit card (but NOT American Express) in LOC office in the hotel before your check-in. Please inform the Organizing Committee accordingly before your arrival.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit the number of hotel rooms available to each team at the official hotel. The organizer is not obliged to provide services (accommodation, accredited entrance to the ice rink, transportation, etc.) for an excessive number of team officials or other accompanying persons from participating ISU Members.

Official Hotels

The Organizing Committee will arrange hotel reservations for the participants at the following official hotels:

Hotel "Kolomna"

140407, Russia, Kolomna, Soviet Square, 2

Tel.: +7 (496) 6121331

Fax: +7 (496) 6121896

E-mail: kolomnahotel@kolomna.ru

Website: www.kolomna-hotel.ru

Hotel requirements must be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **October 03, 2013**.

Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide free transportation between the Moscow international airports Domodedovo (DME) and Sheremetyevo (SVO) and the official hotels, from **Monday, November 11th, 2013** to **Monday, November 18th, 2013**.

Please note that it is better to land in Domodedovo (DME) airport. Taking into consideration weather conditions and rush hours, the way from Sheremetyevo (SVO) to Kolomna may take up to 7 hours!

Team officials who do not travel together with their team cannot be guaranteed this transportation service.

The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the official hotel and The Speed Skating Centre of the Moscow Region "Kolomna" during the competition days and the training periods, starting from **November 12th, 2013**.

The date, airline, flight number, expected time of arrival and the date and time of departure should be communicated to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, October 21th, 2013**.

Please include the amount of special equipment (e.g. bicycles, massage tables, etc.) that needs to be transported.

Visa requirements

A visitor visa may be required for participants and team officials. Please contact Russian Skating Union if you need an invitation letter for the visa. It is therefore strictly recommended to submit to the Russian Skating Union as soon as possible, but not later than **Monday, October 21th, 2013**, the attached visa application table together with a readable color passport copy of good quality for each team member and team official in order to have the issuing of the necessary visa completed in due time.

According to the Law of the Russian Federation, the Russian Skating Union does not guarantee visa obtaining for team members and team officials if above-mentioned documents will be received later than **Monday, October 21th, 2013**.

The Organizing Committee

All entries, hotel reservations and other inquiries should be addressed to the Organizing Committee or to the Russian Skating Union at the addresses below. For Media accreditation, please contact the below address as soon as possible:

Russian Skating Union

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Moscow, Russia, 119991

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Fax.: +7 (495) 7254676

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Media accreditation

Media Accreditation request should be addressed to:

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Web site

Results and other information concerning the competition will be available at the following website:

<http://www.russkating.ru>

Live results will be available at the following website:

<http://shorttrack.sportresult.com/>